

## LABOR WATCHING BILLS THAT WILL HAVE STRIKE EFFECTS

Organized labor is keeping close watch these days on senate bills 60, 191 and 313. They have passed in committee and will get to a vote of both houses the next month, it is expected. If they get by they will take away from judges the power to issue injunctions restraining workmen and women from exercising during strike times the same rights which workmen have as citizens when there is no strike on and guarantee workmen and women trial by jury when charged with contempt of court.

Pres. John H. Walker of the Illinois Federation of Labor explains that there is nothing especially new about these bills. He says they aim only at proclaiming rights already supposed to be guaranteed workmen by the national and state constitutions.

Free speech, free press and peaceful assemblage are rights for which revolutions have been fought and wars started and nations and dynasties cracked to pieces, as Walker sees it. The powers exercised by Judges Jesse Baldwin and Jesse Holdom in fixing jail sentences for working men and women who picket during a strike are the same sort of powers exercised by owners of negro slaves before the civil war.

"When a plantation master lashed the rawhide over the back of a slave girl he did it under the theory that it was lawful because he owned the girl," said Walker to The Day Book. "The slave was his property, a commodity to be traded in.

"When Judge Baldwin fixes a jail sentence for a working girl who is picketing he does it under the theory that the girl is a commodity and the labor of her body is a market product and he, Judge Baldwin, may lawfully hamper and restrict it. Senate bill No. 60 differentiates between ownership of one's own body as compared with the ownership of steel rails, coal, fertilizer. It guarantees

rights which have been taken away from the workers through the issuance of injunction writs which are merely bench-made edicts."

## POLITICAL NOTES

T. E. Bergen, editor of the Union Labor Advocate, addressing a large meeting at the Lincoln Turner hall, urged the election of Oscar B. Danner, Democratic candidate for short term vacancy in 23d ward. Danner is a former street car man and now has concessions at Riverview park. The Municipal Voters' league says he is a man of good reputation.

James T. Igoe, Democratic candidate for city clerk, accuses the Thompson-Lundin crowd of whipping the jobholders and the favor seekers into line for Cullen and Simon.

Lessing Rosenthal, former pres. Municipal Voters' league, and Mary McDowell spoke at a meeting in the 3d ward last night, urging the voters of that ward to unite behind the candidacy of Geo. F. Bliff.

Lester Clow, who withdrew as Democratic candidate in 33d ward in favor of Daniel I. Jarrett, last branded as a Lundin-Hazen lie the story that he was forced to pull off the ticket. "I withdrew because I believed Mr. Jarrett would make the best race," said Clow.

## MORE ARRESTS IN RUSSIA

Berlin, via Sayville Wireless, March 28.—Arrests of high Russian officials continue, according to Stockholm information from Petrograd, published by official government press bureau today. Admiral Viren has been killed, it was stated.

The bureau said Gen. Wojekow proposed to open all fronts and let the Germans enter, but the czar repelled that he could not betray Russia.

Students who play hookey from Northwestern "U" will be dismissed,